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JOHNSON TO GET A PLUM

Missouri Pacific Man Will Be Traffic Head of All the Gould Lines—President Bush Makes Announcement

Salt Lake, July 15.—Bearing official confirmation of the change in the method of operating the Western Pacific, Gould outlet to the Pacific coast, President Benjamin F. Bush of the Missouri Pacific and the Denver & Rio Grande, with a party of Gould officials, arrived in Salt Lake at 8:45 o'clock last night. Other than confirming the story outlined in the news dispatches Mr. Bush declined to give the plans of the Gould lines, declaring that he had not yet been made president of the three Gould roads west of the Mississippi. "The management of the Western Pacific," said Mr. Bush last night at

the Hotel Utah, "will be taken up by Denver & Rio Grande and Missouri Pacific, as outlined in the news dispatches. I will be made president of the three roads. E. L. Brown will be made vice president and general manager and J. M. Johnson will be made director of traffic. Further than that there is little that can be said at the present time."

"Any talk of a change in operating headquarters at the present time is premature. Our plans have not been thoroughly perfected, so I am not prepared to say just what changes in the present arrangement will be necessary."

"I am not certain that the changes will necessitate the elimination of any of the Western Pacific officials. Of course C. H. Schlacks has already tendered his resignation as vice president of the Western Pacific. Further than this change I am not prepared to say what course of action will be pursued."

Mr. Bush was tired from his journey and immediately retired to his apartments upon arrival at the Hotel Utah. With Mr. Bush are E. L. Brown, vice president and general manager of the Denver & Rio Grande, A. Robertson, assistant to the president of the Missouri Pacific, J. M. Johnson, director of traffic on the Missouri Pacific and the Denver & Rio Grande, C. L. Stone, passenger traffic manager of the Missouri Pacific, J. G. Gwyn, chief engineer for the Denver & Rio Grande;

JOHN D., WHO IS 74 NOW, TELLS HOW AN OLD MAN CAN FEEL LIKE A BOY



John D. in Summer Raiment.

John D. Rockefeller, who has announced his ambition to live to be 100, has passed the 74th milestone with little change from his physical condition of recent years. He is spry and full of interest in all about him. "Fresh air, exercise, simple food, a tranquil mind and a friend or two will keep one young," he says.

A. M. Green, secretary to President Bush, Mr. Bush and Mrs. Robertson are also in the party.

Train No. 5, carrying the president and his party, was delayed east of Tucker by a freight derailment. The officials took advantage of the stop to make a thorough inspection of the new work on the Soldier Summit detour. The members of the party procured horses and rode over the new work for a distance of ten miles. Mr. Bush expressed himself as pleased with the manner in which the work was progressing.

As soon as the party arrived in Salt Lake they took automobiles for the Hotel Utah, where they will make their headquarters during their stay in Salt Lake. The party will remain in Salt Lake for three or four days, during which time they will make a close inspection of the local property of the Denver & Rio Grande and Western Pacific. Although the time of departure has not been definitely fixed, it is likely that the party will leave Salt Lake for San Francisco Thursday evening.

The news of change created considerable surprise in local railroad circles, and predictions were rife concerning features of the change which have not yet been publicly announced. While it lacks official confirmation, it is generally believed among the railroad men that Salt Lake will be materially affected in the new working arrangement. Because of the central location of Salt Lake it is believed that this city will figure prominently in the new method of operation, probably as an operating center.

MRS. MINNIE EKMAN'S HEARING POSTPONED

Salt Lake, July 15.—Mrs. Minnie Ekman, charged with the murder of her 19-year-old daughter, whose body was found in a trunk at the Union depot in Ogden, June 28, will appear in police court before Judge J. N. Tanner tomorrow morning for preliminary hearing. Mrs. Ekman was taken to the police court yesterday morning for hearing, but as she had secured new counsel since her arraignment last week, she was allowed until Thursday to permit her attorneys to become familiar with the case.

Mrs. Ekman was taken to the court from the county jail by Sheriff Andrew Smith's automobile accompanied by Deputies Gueset and Ellis. She seemed to enjoy the few blocks ride and remarked about the beautiful morning. The confinement in jail since her arrest apparently has done her physical self little or no harm, in fact she appeared to be in better health than at the time of her arrest. The pallor and faded color of her face is gone and her cheeks were bright and pink. She appeared interested in the cases which preceded her own in the court and gave but little concern when her name was called.

It is said that her defense will be that of insanity and, according to a rumor circulated yesterday, her first husband, C. L. Anderson, who was with her at the time of her arrest, has raised a goodly sum of money with which to defend his wife.

SMALL FIRE LOSSES IN FORESTS THIS SEASON

The local forest office has received advices from Washington, D. C., that reports from the districts throughout the United States are that there are very small fire losses so far in the national forests, and it is said every forest in the United States has an excellent shape with the exception of the forests in the southwest.

A system of telegraphic reports from the field keep the chief forester at Washington informed as to conditions on the 163 forests under federal supervision. During the past week, general rains in the far western states, with the exception of Arizona and New Mexico, have reduced the present fire danger to a minimum. But in the latter two states, the weather is reported very dry, with occasional electrical storms that bring chances for fires set by lightning. Four fires are burning on the Coconino forest in Arizona, and during the past week, there have been fifty-eight fires all told in the two southern states. The acreage burned is reported as 2090 acres, as against only twenty acres reported burned on national forests in all the other western states.

Thus for this season there have been 30,798 acres burned over on the national forests, or only sixteen-thousandths of 1 per cent of the acreage which the forests include.

JAPANESE TO SAIL TODAY

Dr. Soyeda Says That Americans Everywhere Except in California Are Friendly to the Japanese—Think War Is Not Probable

San Francisco, July 15.—Dr. Juichi Soyeda, former Japanese vice minister of finance and his colleague, T. Kamaya, an official of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce, sailed for Japan today after a tour of the United States.

Dr. Soyeda in a statement said he found the sentiment toward Japanese to be friendly in all parts of the United States with the exception of California. Business men of America, he said, were uniformly in favor of maintaining the present friendly relations between the two nations.

The Japanese government will make an effort to obtain for Japanese the privilege of becoming American citizens, he said.

"The Japanese want citizenship and want to become a constructive, patriotic, upbuilding element of your society," he explained. "We do not want to intermeddle in democratic questions, such as state rights and federal jurisdiction; we only petition and make representations and it will shortly come to pass that there will be no more discrimination against the Japanese people who desire to come here to work and live."

Mr. Kamaya suggested that negotiations at Washington between the state department and Ambassador Chinba had created a very delicate situation.

"We do not think war is probable," he said. "If it comes, it comes through the action of the United States. The Japanese have never fought and do not hope to fight through imperialistic motives, but only when their national honor is involved. But when it becomes a shame to be a Japanese we cannot tell what will happen."

SENATORS BY A DIRECT ELECTION

Atlanta, Ga., July 15.—Provisions of the newly ratified seventeenth amendment to the federal constitution were put into effect today for the first time when voters of Georgia cast direct ballots in the election of a United States senator. The election was for selecting a successor to Augustus O. Bacon for the remainder of a term ending March 4, 1919.

Senator Bacon, who was nominated to succeed himself at a Democratic primary nearly a year ago and is unpopular for re-election, now holds office by appointment of the governor. His former term expired March 4.

EARNINGS OF THE U. S. CORPORATIONS

Washington, July 15.—Corporations of the United States earned \$3,394,000,000 above all expenses during the calendar year of 1912, exceeding all previous records since the enactment of the corporation tax law by \$400,000,000. This banner showing was divulged by the compilation today of assessments made by Commissioner William H. Osborn of the internal revenue bureau, under the corporation tax law.

The increased prosperity of the corporations is expected to yield the federal government more than \$35,000,000, including \$3,000,000 of omitted taxes for previous years. This represents the greatest amount of corporation taxes ever assessed by the treasury, exceeding the returns of the previous year by \$7,000,000.

L. F. Speer, chief of the corporation tax division of the treasury, today said that the corporation earnings indicated that business conditions of 1912 were better than any previous recorded year.

The table of assessments showed that out of more than sixty revenue districts making returns only ten showed decreases. Of these the first district of Wisconsin disclosed the most pronounced falling off, the amount being \$2,512. Hawaii came next with a decrease of \$23,969.

SUFFRAGISTS BUSY

Boston, Mass., July 15.—Boston women suffragettes will start today on an expedition which will include a visit to the summer white house at Cornish, N. H. An endeavor will be made there to get the signatures of Miss Margaret and Miss Jessie Wilson, both of whom have expressed sympathy with the suffrage cause, to a petition which is to be presented to congress on July 30.

SHIPBUILDERS STRIKE

Hamburg, July 15.—The strike declared by the workmen in the shipbuilding yards here extended today to other trades and it is estimated that more than twenty thousand persons have laid down their tools.

HORSE-FLESH FOR CHICAGO BANQUET

Chicago, July 15.—Plans for a banquet to remove the prejudice against the eating of horse flesh were announced today by the Anti-Cruelty society. It will be given in the stock yards district and will be the first feast of its kind in Chicago.

The popularizing of horse meat as food will prevent much of the cruelty these animals receive, Mr. Krause believes. He says there are 250,000 horses in Chicago and they last on an average of five years before becoming disabled. He asserts that after five years these horses should be

Noted Author and Healer Coming



Dr. Nellie Beighle, of San Francisco, will lecture tonight at the First Congregational Church. The Doctor has performed marvelous cures without drugs, in a long practice of over twenty-five years. Hundreds who have been pronounced incurable after having tried every possible medical assistance have been literally raised from their deathbeds through her marvelous powers of healing.

The Doctor will tonight give demonstrations of her power, both in diagnoses and healing, and may later be consulted at her rooms at The Reed, for a few days only.

The Doctor will undoubtedly be greeted by a large audience at tonight's meeting. Local physicians are especially invited. Admission free.

trades which frequently have tied up important construction work, is seen in an unusual agreement being drawn up by employers and workers and which it is said will be signed this week. It will be a violation of this agreement for the union men to call a strike or for the employers to declare a lockout without first conferring with a joint arbitration committee. The unions and employers will sign large bonds, which will be forfeited if they do not live up to the letter of the contract.

The lockout of 35,000 construction workers, which has been in force for a month, delaying the completion of thirty million dollars' worth of improvements, probably will be called off later in the week. The men will return to work on Monday, it is expected.

The Story of America in Pictures THE EXPLORERS

"Learn One Thing Every Day"

No. 1. FERNANDO DE SOTO

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It was the end of a sultry summer day in June 1542. The sun was down in the west; twilight was falling. The turkey buzzards settled to rest, and all was quiet. Suddenly the brooding silence of the dense forest was broken. There came the sound of voices and the clink of armor.

Through the underbrush and tangled vines, cutting a way with their swords, burst two men. Before them swept a mighty, rushing river. They halted on the bank, and were joined in a few minutes by other soldiers bearing a canvas-covered figure.

Night had now fallen. Only a single torch of burning pine branches illuminated the darkness. The little band of men tied some logs together, placed upon them the body, weighted with heavy stone, and floated this crude raft out upon the river. In midstream they quietly pushed the body overboard, watched the waters close over it, and then sadly made their way back to shore.

Such was the pathetic ending of Fernando de Soto, discoverer of the Mississippi River. His wife in Panama. After watching through many weary months for his return, but she watched in vain.

De Soto was born about 1500 at Badajoz, Estremadura, Spain. After leaving school he went in 1519 with his patron Pedrarias, on an expedition to Darien in Panama. This he explored, the coast of Guatemala and Yucatan, and in 1532 led 300 volunteers to aid Pizarro in Peru. He helped to conquer the land of Inca, and was so successful that when he returned to Spain he possessed a fortune of 180,000 ducats. He married the daughter of his old

patron Pedrarias, and settled down to a happy home existence.

But reports came to him of the fabulous wealth of Florida, and the wanderlust seized him again. Selling much of his property, leaving wife and friends and home, he set off in 1538 with several hundred foot soldiers and horses. From Havana he went, in 1539, to Tampa Bay on the west coast of Florida. Thence he led his men for four long years in a weary and unsuccessful search for gold, traversing much of the southern part of the continent, through dense forests, through terrible swamps, and across swollen rivers. He was a stern cruel master, and fire and slaughter followed in the wake of his army. He reached the Mississippi in 1541, and spent the next winter in what is now Arkansas and Louisiana. Returning along the Mississippi the next summer, De Soto was stricken with fever and died.

His remaining followers descended the rivers on rafts, coasted the Gulf of Mexico, and at last arrived, a tattered and weary band, among their countrymen, once more.

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